

Insurance for Bambi's Place

Philippines Agricultural & Commercial Insurance — Research & Costings

This is not in the costing yet. It needs to be.

There are two layers of insurance available in the Philippines that cover what Bambi's Place needs. One is government-subsidised agricultural insurance through PCIC. The other is commercial insurance from private providers for the structure, contents, and liability.

Layer 1 — PCIC (Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation)

PCIC is a government-owned corporation under the Department of Agriculture. Its mandate is to provide insurance protection to farmers against losses from natural calamities, plant diseases, and pest infestations — for crops, livestock, fisheries, and non-crop agricultural assets.

The key benefit: **premiums are heavily subsidised or free** for farmers registered in the Registry System for Basic Sectors in Agriculture (RSBSA). PCIC's budget for 2026 covers 3.68 million agricultural workers — a 12% increase from 2025.

What PCIC covers

Insurance Line	What It Covers	Coverage Amount	Premium
Rice & Corn	Standing crops against natural calamities, pests, diseases	Up to PHP 20,000/hectare for self-financed farmers	Free for RSBSA-registered farmers (govt subsidised)
High-Value Crops	Vegetables, fruit trees, other crops — same perils	Up to PHP 50,000/ha (PHP 100,000 for banana)	Subsidised — low or free via RSBSA
Livestock — Cattle/Carabao	Death due to disease, accident, natural disaster	PHP 15,000 per head (ages 7 months – 17 years)	Subsidised. Premium rates vary by age.
Livestock — Goats	Death due to disease, accident, natural disaster	PHP 3,000 per head (ages 4 months – 7 years)	Subsidised. Max 25 heads per household.
Livestock — Swine (breeding)	Death due to disease, accident	PHP 7,000 per head (ages 6 months – 4 years)	Subsidised. Max 10 heads.
Livestock — Swine (fattening)	Death due to disease, accident	PHP 5,000 per head (ages 45 days – 6 months)	Subsidised. Max 20 heads.
Poultry — Broilers	Catastrophic losses from disease/accident	Up to PHP 200,000 (max 5,000 heads)	Commercial rates apply
Poultry — Layers/Pullets	Catastrophic losses from disease/accident	Up to PHP 200,000 (max 1,000 heads)	Commercial rates apply
Fisheries	Fishing boats, fishcages, fishponds	Up to PHP 40,000 per motorised boat. Max 3 units.	Subsidised for RSBSA-registered fisherfolk
Non-Crop Assets	Farm machinery, equipment, structures (poultry houses, piggeries, stables)	Based on asset value	Minimum premium PHP 400/policy. Rate ~1%+ of sum insured.

Livestock insurance — what's covered in detail

The livestock mortality insurance covers a wide range of risks:

- Diseases: liver fluke, parasitic diseases, leptospirosis, pneumonia, tetanus, poisoning, heat stroke, heart attack, rabies, and all other diseases except specific exclusions
- Accidents: drowning, strangulation, snakebites, transport accidents to/from farm
- Fire and lightning (non-commercial cover)
- Dog bites for goats and sheep

Waiting period: 21 calendar days from policy start (no claims during this period). For certain diseases, the waiting period is 3 months. No waiting period for accidents or renewed policies.

Claims process: Notify PCIC within 10 calendar days of animal death. Claims settled within 45 calendar days of filing.

PCIC — new developments (2025-2026)

- **Parametric insurance pilot:** PCIC is rolling out satellite-based crop insurance that uses remote sensing to automatically trigger payouts based on wind velocity during typhoons — no field inspections needed. Pilot in Camarines Sur (our region).
- **Budget increase:** Record-high budget allocation for 2026 — coverage expanding to 3.68 million agricultural workers.
- **Fisherfolk insurance:** New parametric insurance program launched with BFAR covering 8,726 fishers across five provinces.

PCIC Regional Office for Bicol

PCIC Regional Office 5 covers the Bicol Region including Camarines Sur (Ragay). This is the office to contact for all agricultural insurance applications.

Layer 2 — Commercial Insurance (Private Providers)

For the container structure, business contents, public liability, and vehicle insurance, you need commercial insurance from a private provider. These are standard business policies available across the Philippines.

What commercial insurance covers

Coverage	What It Protects	Providers
Fire & Allied Perils	Structure, contents, equipment against fire, lightning, explosion, smoke, vehicle impact	AXA, Prudential Guarantee, Chubb, Etiqa, Pioneer, SGI
Acts of Nature	Typhoon, flood, earthquake, storm surge — added to fire policy for additional premium	Same providers — extension to fire policy
General Liability	Legal liability for bodily injury or property damage to customers/visitors on premises	AXA (Business Security), Prudential Guarantee, BDO Insure
Robbery & Burglary	Loss of goods, damage to premises from break-in	AXA, Prudential Guarantee
Business Interruption	Loss of income when premises is untenable after insured event	Most major insurers — add-on to fire policy
Vehicle Insurance	Delivery vehicles — comprehensive or third-party	All major insurers
Fidelity Guarantee	Theft of money by employees	AXA Business Security package

Indicative pricing

AXA Philippines offers a **Business Security** package — for a premium of **PHP 2,400 per year**, a business unit can be insured for **PHP 1,000,000**. This includes fire, allied perils, acts of nature, general liability, robbery, and fidelity guarantee.

For Bambi's Place at Stage 1 scale, rough commercial insurance costs:

Insurance Type	Estimated Sum Insured	Estimated Annual Premium	Priority
Container structure + contents	PHP 2,000,000 – 5,000,000	PHP 5,000 – 15,000	HIGH
General liability (café, public areas)	PHP 1,000,000	PHP 3,000 – 8,000	HIGH
Vehicle (1 delivery vehicle)	PHP 300,000 – 500,000	PHP 8,000 – 15,000	MEDIUM
Equipment/machinery	PHP 500,000 – 1,000,000	PHP 2,000 – 5,000	MEDIUM
Business interruption	Based on monthly revenue	PHP 2,000 – 5,000	MEDIUM

Container structures — insurance classification

Shipping containers are steel/metal construction — classified as **Class A** (non-combustible) under Philippine fire insurance rating. This is the **lowest risk category** and attracts the best (cheapest) premium rates. This is an advantage of the container design.

Total Insurance Cost Estimate — Stage 1

Category	Type	Annual Cost Estimate	Notes
PCIC — Crops	Government subsidised	FREE (via RSBSA)	Must register with RSBSA
PCIC — Livestock	Government subsidised	PHP 500 – 2,000	Depending on herd size. Subsidised rates.
PCIC — Poultry	Commercial rates	PHP 1,000 – 3,000	Based on flock size
PCIC — Non-crop assets	Government	PHP 400 – 2,000	Farm equipment, structures
Commercial — Structure	Private insurer	PHP 5,000 – 15,000	Container structure + contents
Commercial — Liability	Private insurer	PHP 3,000 – 8,000	Café, public areas
Commercial — Vehicle	Private insurer	PHP 8,000 – 15,000	Delivery vehicle comprehensive
Commercial — Equipment	Private insurer	PHP 2,000 – 5,000	Machinery, cold chain

TOTAL ESTIMATED ANNUAL INSURANCE COST: PHP 20,000 – 50,000

That is roughly **PHP 1,700 – 4,200 per month**. At the lower end, it is less than the cost of one bag of feed per day. This is a very manageable operating cost for the protection it provides.

This needs to be added to the monthly operating costs in the costing spreadsheet as a fixed overhead.

Action Items — What Needs To Happen

Before launch

- **Register with RSBSA — Registry System for Basic Sectors in Agriculture.** This is the gateway to government-subsidised insurance. Apply through the Municipal Agriculture Office in Ragay.
- **Contact PCIC Regional Office 5 (Bicol) —** enquire about livestock mortality insurance, crop insurance, and non-crop asset insurance for the container structure and equipment.
- **Get commercial quotes —** contact AXA Philippines, Prudential Guarantee, or BDO Insure for a Business Security / commercial fire package for the container structure.
- **Update the costing spreadsheet —** add insurance as a fixed monthly operating cost line item. Use PHP 3,500/month as a working estimate.

At launch (Stage 1 — Feeds & Distribution)

- **Insure the delivery vehicle —** comprehensive cover, third-party minimum.
- **Insure container structure —** fire + typhoon + flood + earthquake.
- **General liability —** if any public-facing area is open (market, café), liability insurance is essential.
- **PCIC livestock cover —** if any animals are on-site from day one.

As spokes come online

- **Café opens —** increase liability cover. Add food poisoning / public liability extension. BDO Insure offers a restaurant-specific package.
- **Poultry/livestock expand —** increase PCIC livestock cover to match herd/flock size.
- **Crops planted —** apply for PCIC crop insurance for each planting season.
- **Cold chain operational —** ensure reefer containers and generator are covered under equipment insurance.

Key contacts

- **PCIC Head Office:** pcic.gov.ph
- **PCIC Regional Office 5 (Bicol):** Contact via pcic.gov.ph or Municipal Agriculture Office
- **AXA Philippines:** axa.com.ph/business
- **Prudential Guarantee:** prudentialguarantee.com
- **BDO Insure:** bdo.com.ph/bdo-insure/business
- **RSBSA Registration:** Through the Municipal Agriculture Office, Ragay, Camarines Sur

